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Ruslan Vasutin advises on transaction structuring and the reorganization of companies. He possesses international experience in the field of cross-border tax planning and inbound investments into Russia, participates in the regulation of tax disputes including on transfer pricing issues and provides transactional tax support to both domestic and multinational clients.

He assists multinational companies with their transfer pricing strategies for Russia and supervises the preparation of transfer pricing defence documentation required to comply with new Russian transfer pricing rules.

Ruslan co-heads the Tax practice at DLA Piper in Russia.

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Russian

- Tax
- Transfer Pricing

- Technology
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Industrials

English Russian

Among Ruslan's clients there are largest international car and auto components producers (Nissan, Mazda Motor), world leading distributors and producers (Inditex, Carlsberg), media companies (Interpublic Group of Companies), IT and telecom (Juniper, Alcatel) and transport companies (Maersk).

Ruslan has particular experience and expertise in cross-border and international tax planning for Russian and foreign multinational companies and advises on CFC, profit distribution and investment vehicles. He provided tax advisory support for Russian businesses helping them to establish venture capital structures formed in foreign jurisdictions and assisted clients with complex analysis of beneficiary owner of income planning, double tax treaty structuring / treaty controversies and various tax residency aspects.

## Prior Experience

- 1995 - 2002, International consulting company
- 2002 - 2005, International Big 4 consulting company
- 2005 - present, DLA Piper

## Recognitions

Ruslan has been endorsed as a leading Russian lawyer by *Chambers Europe* and *Legal 500* for several years. Ruslan received a "Lawyer of the Year" award by *Best Lawyers* in 2014, 2017 and 2019 in Tax in Russia.

## Education

- St Petersburg State University, Degree in Law, with honors, 1995
- St Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, Degree in Accounting, 1997
- DLA Piper Strategic Leadership Programme, Harvard Business School (USA), 2012

## Memberships

For several years, Ruslan was a member of the Executive Committee at St Petersburg International Business Association for North-West Russia (SPIBA).

For several years, he chaired the Taxation Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), St Petersburg.

## INSIGHTS

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Ruslan is a frequent contributor to technical journals on various legal and tax issues.

## Publications

### The termination of the Russia-Netherlands tax treaty - are you prepared?

13 August 2021

The Russian Federation has denounced the tax treaty between Russia and the Netherlands. This means that, as of 1 January, 2022, the tax treaty between Russia and the Netherlands is no longer effective.

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### Russian Parliament approves bill on termination Russia-Netherlands tax treaty

21 May 2021

On 19 May 2021 the upper chamber of the Russian Parliament voted for the bill to terminate the Russia - Netherlands tax treaty.

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### Double Tax Treaty Protocol for Russia and Luxembourg

8 April 2021

On 6 November 2020 Russia and Luxembourg signed a new protocol amending the double tax treaty concluded between the two countries (Protocol), which has been in effect since 1 January 1998.

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### Tax manoeuvre for the Russian IT sector

22 July 2020

Following the speech by the President on 23 June 2020 about far-reaching support measures for the Russian IT sector, in little less than a month, the Government prepared and introduced to the State Duma draft law No. 990337-7 "On Amending Part Two of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation (to the Extent Related to Supporting Organisations Doing Business in the Area of Information Technology)".

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### **Mandatory labelling for shoes and clothes in Russia**

30 April 2020

Retailers in Russia have been affected by additional regulatory scrutiny as the Government of the Russian Federation issued Resolution No. 860 of 5 July 2019 and Resolution No. 1956 of 31 December 2019 that implement the mandatory labeling system of various categories of goods.

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### **COVID-19 legal update Russia**

27 March 2020

The governments in most jurisdictions have already introduced various quarantine measures in an attempt to fight the coronavirus outbreak, whereas certain countries have already enacted a state of emergency regime with the aim of stopping the spread of COVID-19.

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper advises digital cartography service 2GIS as it joins Sberbank ecosystem**

17 June 2020

DLA Piper advises 2GIS on the sale of a controlling stake to Sberbank, a state-owned Russian banking and financial services company. 2GIS is a leading Russian digital maps and city guides company which provides geoinformation and hyperlocal services to about 50 million users in Russia, CIS, and abroad.

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